TO THE BENCH, BAR, AND PUBLIC:

PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF PETITIONS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(f) OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT OF 1978, AS AMENDED

In accordance with Section 106 of the USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) proposes the attached procedures for review of petitions filed pursuant to Section 501(f) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended. The draft procedures can be viewed by accessing the link attached to this notice.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Please provide any comments or suggestions electronically by accessing the link at the bottom of this page labeled, "Submit comments electronically via E-mail." All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, April 19, 2006.

The USA Patriot Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 requires the FISC to adopt and publish these procedures not later than 60 days after enactment of the law. In order to meet the deadline imposed by the statute, the Court is obliged to offer only a brief comment period.

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly Presiding Judge Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court